

The Butler Weekly Times.

VOL. XL.

BUTLER, MISSOURI, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1917.

NUMBER 9

76 DIED ON JONES

Three Officers and 73 Men Still Unaccounted For.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Three officers and seventy-three men were believed tonight to have gone down with the American destroyer Jacob Jones, torpedoed and sunk in the war zone by a German submarine at 8 o'clock Thursday night.

Three officers and thirty-four men were picked up by other vessels from life rafts to which they clung, but the names of only ten of these had been transmitted to Washington.

Admiral Sims' terse message reporting the loss of the Jacob Jones did not state how the attack was made. It is known, however, that the Jones was on patrol duty between four hundred and five hundred miles off shore. What vessel accompanied her was not revealed, but Admiral Sims' report showed that one vessel rescued thirty men and another seven. They sent this information by radio and it was immediately transmitted to Washington.

Secretary Daniels stoutly held to his hopes that other patrol craft, possibly without wireless equipment, had rescued more of the destroyer's company. Mr. Daniels showed plainly the strain of his personal anxiety as well as that over this greatest loss to the navy thus far in the war.

Commander Beasley's mother has lived for several years at the secretary's home. With her daughter, Mrs. Daniels, she was stunned by the news of the disaster. Another of her sons, Ensign Worth Bagley, was the only American naval officer killed in the war with Spain. He was killed aboard the destroyer Winslow at Cardenas, Cuba.

Lacking details of the action in which the Jones was lost, officers assumed that the destroyer either stumbled upon a submarine and was struck by a lucky shot, or was surprised while on patrol duty. As the watch maintained by the American destroyer crews is notably keen the last explanation seemed improbable.

Apparently the Jones went down almost at once. This was taken to mean that the torpedo had scored a fair hit amidships, possibly tearing the swift craft in two when it exploded. If this is true there can be no question that many of the crew died in the blast of the explosion or were carried down with the shattered hull without a chance to escape. Officers here felt that such fate was preferable to hours of exposure and final death from cold on life rafts.

That both Admiral Sims and the British authorities have taken every possible step to find additional survivors was regarded as certain.

Secretary Daniels said first word of the loss of the destroyer had come to him just before midnight last night. It was the bare announcement of the fact. He immediately cabled Admiral Sims for a detailed report and the brief reply made public today was received this morning. Additional details will be announced as they are received.

27 Members of the Crew of the Jacob Jones Saved.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—One American seaman was taken from the water by the German submarine which sank the destroyer Jacob Jones on Thursday. The other 110 members of the ship's company were left to their fate. Latest reports account for 44, including the man taken prisoner by the submarine. Sixty-seven are still missing.

Early this morning the Navy Department was advised that six of the survivors, including Lieut. Commander D. Worth Bagley, brother-in-law of Secretary of the Navy Daniels, and Lieut. Norman Scott, son of Robert F. Scott, of Kirkwood, Mo., had landed safely on the Sicily Islands.

The landing of these survivors renewed the hope that others may have been picked up by patrol vessels without wireless, or succeeded in reaching some place of safety. Hope was lessened, however, late this afternoon, when word came from Admiral Sims that the Jacob Jones sank 17 minutes after she had been torpedoed.

The attack later advised, reveal, was made at 4:12 in the afternoon, instead of at 8 o'clock at night, as originally reported. It gets dark early, however, on the European side of the Atlantic at this season of the year, which probably accounts for the fact the submarine was not seen until some time after the ship sank.

After making certain through his periscope that the American war craft had plunged beneath the waves, the German commander brought the submarine to the surface. Although many men were struggling in the water and others were being tossed about in small boats or on rafts, the German captain picked out only one man, took him aboard the submarine and then dropped out of sight.

This heartlessness was in striking

contrast to the recent action of an American destroyer which rescued the entire crew of a German submarine that fell victim to the accurate fire of American gunners. The identity of the prisoner taken by the Germans is not known.

Why We Fight.

"You are called into this great service of your country not only for the purpose of maintaining the ideals for which America has always stood—democracy and freedom, and to keep the torch of Liberty burning throughout the world—but also for this more immediate object, the protection of our national rights and the democratic institutions handed down to us as the result of the valor and blood of our ancestors. Those are the things for which you fight."

From Secretary McAdoo's Address to Men of the National Army.

Inter-Community League Organized.

F. M. Campbell and A. H. Culver represented the Butler Commercial Club at the organization of an Inter-Community league in Kansas City the last of the week.

About 40 towns of Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma were represented and a constitution was adopted and officers and directors elected. The following were the officers elected:

President, W. H. Graham, Chillicothe, Mo.; Vice-President E. V. Blum, Leavenworth, Kas.; Secretary and Treasurer, H. B. Ober, Lawrence, Kas.; General Manager, J. F. Gill, Kansas City.

Drive for Red Cross Members.

The National Red Cross organization has asked every local chapter to devote the week of December 17 to 24 to a final drive to try and enlist every person in the county as a member of the Red Cross.

The Butler Chapter expects to do its share toward increasing this membership. Last summer six hundred men, women and children in Mount Pleasant Township paid for membership for one year. Many of them have since subscribed to the war fund of the Red Cross in proportion to their means and willingness to help this work.

But not all of those who should be numbered in the membership of the Red Cross have been given opportunity to join or have taken advantage of it if given. Butler and Mount Pleasant township is expected to furnish fifteen hundred members of the Red Cross. And if you are not one of those who is already enrolled as a member you are expected to become a member. It costs only one dollar for a year's membership. Or you can pay two, five or more dollars for other memberships. But it rests with you to give to the cause as freely as you feel able.

But those who have not yet joined the Red Cross will be asked during the week of December 17-24 to give their names and pay the dues. During the week solicitors will call upon every one who is not now enrolled as a member. They are doing this without pay for the benefit of our soldiers.

If you have not yet joined you can

become a member by applying at any of the banks and securing your membership card. Will you not assist the solicitors by securing your membership in this way and giving to them more time to solicit others.

Membership Committee.

The National Red Cross has asked that all those whose membership expires during the next few months renew at this time so that all memberships may expire during the holiday season. But if you are already a member this is optional with you.

Mound Searchlight.

This vicinity was visited by a snow storm Friday and Saturday.

Misses Sallie Holwell and Luna Kenney spent Wednesday night with Miss Ruth Snyder.

Mrs. Wade Ruddell spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. Webb Shelby. Mr. C. R. Brady was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Nelson last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beckett returned home from Holden Wednesday.

Miss Sallie Holwell did not get to go home Friday on account of the bad weather.

Mr. Webb Shelby is having a large cattle shed built on his barn.

Don't forget the pie and box supper at Prairie Rose school Friday night, December 14. A good program is being planned.

Miss Lucille West is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ruddell made a business trip to Passaic Tuesday.

TEMPEST.

Nipponese Lend at Vladivostok; Harbin Occupied by Chinese

Tokio, Dec. 10.—Japanese troops have been landed at Vladivostok, Russia's great port city on the Pacific.

Chinese troops have entered Harbin, Manchuria, to protect their interests.

Information to this effect was received here today.

Harbin is in Manchuria at the eastern terminus of the main line of the Trans-Siberian railway.

Vast supplies of war stores are lying in the warehouse at Vladivostok, which were sold to the Russian government by Japan and the United States. Practically all of these supplies have remained there because of the interruption of the steady traffic on the Trans-Siberian railway.

It is supposed agreements existed by which these stores were to be used against the German powers and the landing of Japanese troops was probably accomplished to prevent the munitions from being taken over by the bolsheviks. It was recently reported bolshevik troops were making their way into Vladivostok.

An \$85,000 Carthage, Mo., Fire.

Carthage, Mo., Dec. 10.—Fire today destroyed the stores of the Deutsch Clothing Company and the J. M. Whitsett Dry Goods Company with a loss of more than \$85,000. Zero weather made fire fighting difficult. A water hydrant burst, throwing a stream of water on other buildings and flooding the basements of several stores.

WAGON MINES CANNOT GET CARS

Railroad Official Issues an Order That Mines With No Tipples Will Not be Furnished Cars.

A delegation of mine owners from Foster and Rucker, in the west part of the county, were in the city Tuesday and lodged a protest with Prosecuting Attorney Dawson against an order issued by Division Superintendent Somers, of the Missouri Pacific.

According to Mr. Dawson the order is to the effect that hereafter cars will not be furnished wagon mines, or mines that have no tipples. The reason given for the order is that the mines that load cars from wagons delay the cars which are badly needed at other points. The mine operators deny this. They say that cars set out at their mines in the morning are loaded and ready to ship the same day, or when the next train arrives and are willing to guarantee that no car will be held longer than 12 hours. Mr. Dawson called up Superintendent Somers, who said that the order was in accordance with an order from the Federal Food and Fuel commission.

Judge Denton, chairman of the Bates county fuel commission, called up State Chairman Wallace Crossley who said that he had no knowledge of the Federal order.

Mr. Dawson says that if this order remains in effect it will work a hardship, not only on the mine operators in the county, but on the mine workers and the consumers. In the Foster and Rucker fields alone more than one hundred men and many teams are laid out of work already. The order will withdraw from the daily market in this county alone about fifteen cars of coal which is quite an item with the zero weather that we are now having and will undoubtedly cause much suffering in Butler and surrounding towns as a large part of the coal consumed is from these very mines.

A formal protest, signed by the Foster and Rucker operators, has been forwarded to State Fuel Administrator Wallace Crossley.

It is the policy of withholding cars from all mines in this county with the exception of those having tipples is adhered to, Butler and a large part of the county faces a situation which threatens much suffering before the end of the winter. Very few in this section have sufficient fuel to run them through the winter, and it might be well for the Fuel Committee to organize a force of teamsters to move the coal from these mines having no tipples while the roads are in condition to permit this class of hauling. Later, the roads will be impassable for coal hauling and access to these mines will be impossible, and Butler and vicinity will suffer severely.

U. S. Supreme Court Holds Mine Workers Union Illegal.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The decision of Federal Judge Dayton of West Virginia that under the West Virginia laws the United Mine Workers was an illegal organization and a conspiracy, was virtually upheld by the supreme court this afternoon, in a decision in the court divided, 6 to 3.

The case grew out of the operations of the organization in the coal strike of 1905 and 1907. Among the defendants in the case were John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, and Secretary of Labor Wilson, a former union official.

The court of appeals in passing on an appeal from Judge Dayton's decision dismissed an injunction against the mine workers.

Justices Brandeis, Holmes and Clark dissented.

ASKS U. S. TO TAKE OVER PLANT

Fort Smith Light Company Granted a Temporary Injunction.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 10.—The Fort Smith Light and Traction Company, which early today secured a temporary but sweeping injunction to restrain interference with the operation of its power plant, the only one in the twin cities, this afternoon telegraphed Secretary of War Baker to take over the plant as a result of the general strike here. The company holds contracts to supply ten coal mines with power. The mines have been forced to close and the company declined to operate enough of its plants to furnish the mines with electricity unless all of its patrons could be supplied.

The situation remains quiet. Business is at a standstill, the result of so many industries being crippled by the suspension of the electric service. None of the newspapers can operate and the city is securing its news from the outside world through bulletins posted at downtown corners.

CLOTHES

A SENSIBLE CHRISTMAS GIFT

We are beginning early to impress the wisdom of giving a suit or overcoat for Christmas; because this is a time to give useful things where a gift is to be given. A

KUPPENHEIMER

Suit or Overcoat will be welcomed by any man because most men know that the name Kuppenheimer is synonymous with the finest ready-to-wear clothes.

Think it over—Can you equal this sort of a gift? A constant reminder of the giver and to the recipient a constant source of satisfaction. These quality clothes sell at

\$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00

Styleplus Suits, \$17.00—\$21.00.
Manhattan Shirts, Madras and Silk, \$2.00—\$6.50.
Bath Robes, \$5.00.
Knitted and Silk Scarfs, 75c—\$5.00.
Fine Neckwear, 25c—\$1.50.
Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, 25c—40c.
Linen and Mercerized Handkerchiefs, 10c—50c.
Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, 35c—\$1.00.
Ide Soft and Laundered Collars, 15c.
Men's Sweaters, \$1.00—\$8.50.
Men's Unionsuits, \$1.50—\$3.50.
Men's Flannel Shirts, \$1.50—\$3.50.
Men's Traveling Bags, \$5.00—\$15.00.



Boys' Suits, Overcoats, \$3.50—\$10.00.
Boys' Dress Shirts, 50c—\$1.00.
Boys' Waists, 35c—75c.
Boy's Sweaters, 75c—\$2.00.
Boy's Jersey Sweaters, \$1.50—\$2.50.
Boy's Mufflers, 35c.
Boys' Leather Belts, 35c—50c.
Boy's Mitts and Gloves, 50c—\$1.50.
Boys' Unionsuits, 75c—\$1.00.
Boys' Dress Shoes, \$2.00—\$3.50.
Boys' Corduroy and Duck Coats, \$1.75—\$3.50.

Our Entire Stock of Ladies Suits to be Closed out \$15.00, \$19.50, \$25.00

15 Ladies Silk Dresses, Priced Special, \$9.98.
35 Ladies and Misses Coats, All Colors, Priced Special, \$10.00.
25 Ladies and Misses Coats, Taupe, Burgundy, Green, Priced Special, \$14.50.

Samuel Levy Mercantile Co.

GOOD CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN